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Inventors: SETTE *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
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